

# H. R. 103.

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Read twice and committed to a committee of the whole House  
to-morrow

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## A Bill

*To regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to exclude  
foreigners from a participation therein.*

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*  
2     *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*  
3     the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the  
4     sum heretofore appropriated for carrying on trade and inter-  
5     course with the Indian nations, in the manner prescribed by  
6     the act of March second, one thousand eight hundred and ele-  
7     ven, entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the  
8     Indian tribes," be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be  
9     paid out of any money in the Treasury of the United States  
10    not otherwise appropriated.

1     SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent  
2     of Indian trade be authorized to organize eight trading houses,

3 in addition to those already established, at such places as the  
4 President of the United States may direct, which, when estab-  
5 lished, shall be subject to the regulations heretofore prescribed  
6 for the government of other Indian trading houses.

**SEC. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent of Indian trade be authorized to establish a depot at St. Louis, in the Missouri Territory, to facilitate the supply of the different Indian trading houses north of the Mississippi, which depot shall be under the superintendence of a deputy superintendent of Indian trade, and who shall receive an annual compensation of \_\_\_\_\_ payable at the Treasury of the United States, and be, in all respects, governed by such rules and regulations as the superintendent of Indian trade may prescribe.

1      SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act  
2      “to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes,” pass-  
3      ed the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred  
4      and sixteen, as empowers the President to license foreigners to  
5      trade with the Indian nations within the United States, be, and  
6      the same is hereby repealed.

1      SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all foreigners who  
2    shall vend, or offer to vend, or have in his, her, or their posses-  
3    sion, any goods, wares, or merchandise, in any Indian nation  
4    within the limits of the United States, after the  
5                      day of                      shall be subject to all the

6 forfeitures and penalties contained in the act of the twenty-  
7 ninth of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to  
8 which this is a supplement, any thing in the first section of said  
9 act to the contrary notwithstanding.

1     SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent  
2 of Indian trade be allowed an annual salary of three thousand  
3 dollars; the principal clerk in the office of superintendent fif-  
4 teen hundred dollars; the book-keeper twelve hundred dollars,  
5 and the copying clerk one thousand dollars, payable quarterly,  
6 out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not  
7 otherwise appropriated.